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## KENNER WORKS TO UPDATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**Kenner, LA.** – Kenner’s Emergency Management Director, Doug Dodt, and Kevin Guffey, a long-time Kenner resident, insurance agent and local business owner, have been appointed to represent the City of Kenner as part of a newly formed Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee.

On August 21, 2018, representatives from numerous entities, including municipal governments, parish departments, subject matter experts, and stakeholders from a variety of industries, took part in the Committee’s first meeting in Westwego. Additional Committee planning sessions will continue through 2019. Several public meetings are also planned to keep residents informed about the planning process.

The purpose of the Committee is to update the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, a process required by FEMA every five years. The current plan dates back to 2015.

The plan provides a framework for community officials to use for reducing vulnerability to natural hazards. Representatives from each local government entity, as well as stakeholders from throughout the community, will be reviewing the existing plan over the coming months to ensure it continues to reflect community goals for mitigation.

The mitigation planning process generally involves 3 major components:

- Risk Assessment - Identifying what are the natural hazard risks / problems facing our community.
- Capability Assessment - Identifying what could we do about these risks/problems and what resources are needed / available to address the issues.
- Mitigation Actions - Determining what the community will do about the problem/risk.

I would like to thank Mr. Guffey for volunteering his valuable time to work with our Emergency Management Department and other area officials to identify Kenner’s hazard mitigation opportunities. His intimate

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knowledge of the community and insurance industry expertise will go a long way in assisting the City of Kenner and its residents.

Kenner residents can assist by completing an online survey. This survey is an opportunity for Kenner residents to share their opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process. The information provided will help City officials better understand residents' hazard concerns.

Follow this link to take the survey:

[https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScnyl6b\\_KI2iX57uD.../viewform](https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScnyl6b_KI2iX57uD.../viewform)

BROOMS TO BASINS is a voluntary program that allows Kenner residents to 'adopt' a basin around their home or business. Clearing catch basins helps keep them free of litter, grass clippings, leaves, and other debris that can obstruct drainage. Clean catch basins are important as they allow water to flow freely, reducing flooding in your yard and street. Furthermore, cleaning catch basins also reduces pollution in our waterways, protecting our wildlife and fisheries.

Follow this link for additional information on this program: <http://www.jeffparish.net/index.aspx?page=3004>

For additional information on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, a complete list of committee members, and a calendar of planning/public sessions, go to: <https://jeffersonparishhmp.weebly.com/>

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